

March 14, 2018

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on March 14, 2018, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of February 27, 2018, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-820
Total Call Mobile, Inc.
Designated Eligible Carrier
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Total Call Mobile, Inc., Designated Eligible Carrier, Application, Case No. PU-12-820.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-268
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Advance Prudence –
Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order Granting Protection of Information in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Advance Prudence, Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion, Application, Case No. PU-17-268 and Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion Project, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-269.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-269
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion Project
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-17-387
Northern States Power Company
150 MW Foxtail Wind Project –
Dickey County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue an application fee refund in the amount of \$9,886.68 in Northern States Power Company, 150 MW Foxtail Wind Project – Dickey County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-387.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-467
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Mott Grain & Agronomy –
Hettinger County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Mott Grain & Agronomy - Hettinger County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-467.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-19
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Liberty Resources LLC –
Burke County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Liberty Resources LLC – Burke County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-18-19.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-69
Meadowlark Wind I LLC
New Frontier Wind Energy Project -
McHenry County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute Contract # PU-794-18-EE with Carlson McCain, Inc. for construction inspection services in Meadowlark Wind I, LLC, New Frontier Wind Energy Project - McHenry County, Case No. PU-11-69.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-97
Cenex Pipeline, LLC
10" Refined Fuels Pipeline
Williams, Mountrail, Ward
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute a contract with Wenck Associates, Inc. for construction inspection services in Cenex Pipeline, LLC, 10" Refined Fuels Pipeline Williams, Mountrail, Ward Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-97.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. GE-18-84
Garske Elevator Company
License No. 130 - Garske, ND
Discontinue Business

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue the Order Granting Request to Discontinue Business in Garske Elevator Company, License No. 130 – Garske, ND, Discontinue Business, Case No. GE 18-84.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AM-18-86
ND Reclamation Simplified Grant
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the 2018 Wilton Phase 4, Shell Lake and Williams County Road 9 Phase 7 AML Project, the 2017 Morton County AML Project, and the 2017-2018 Sinkhole Filling AML Project for abandoned mine reclamation in 2018 and submit the 2018 - 2021 North Dakota Abandoned Mine Lands Simplified Grant Application to the Office of Surface Mining to request \$2,802,000 in federal funds.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-12-813
Northern States Power Company
2013 Electric Rate Increase
Application

HOLD OVER

Case No. PU-13-194
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - NG Generators
Application

Case No. PU-13-195
Northern States Power Company
Red River Valley NG Units 1 & 2 -
Hankinson, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-13-706
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - Courtenay Wind
Application

Case No. PU-13-707
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - Odell Wind Pjc
Application

Case No. PU-13-708
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence-Pleasant Valley
Application

Case No. PU-13-742
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - Border Winds
Application

Case No. PU-13-743
Northern States Power Company
150 MW Border Winds Project –
Rolette County, ND
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-17-457
Wagner Construction, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-17-458
Wagner Construction, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-17-459
Wagner Construction, Inc.
Damage Prevention Enforcement

Case No. PU-17-468
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Transmission Facility Cost
Recovery (2017)
Rates

Case No. PU-17-469
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Generation Resource Cost Recovery
Tariff and Rates

Case No. PU-18-82
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Renewable Resource Cost Adjustment
Tariff and Rates

Case No. PU-17-97
Cenex Pipeline, LLC
10" Refined Fuels Pipeline
Williams, Mountrail, Ward
Siting Application

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Consent Agreement in Public Service Commission, Wagner Construction, Inc., Damage Prevention Enforcement, Case No. PU-17-457, Case No. PU-17-458 and Case No. PU-17-459.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission approve the 2017 rate update in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2017), Rates, Case No. PU-17-468.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in the captioned Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Generation Resource Cost Recovery and Renewable Resource Cost Adjustment, Tariff and Rates, Case Nos. PU-17-469 and PU-18-82.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Cenex Pipeline, LLC, 10" Refined Fuels Pipeline Williams, Mountrail, Ward Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-97.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: Fedorchak "Aye."

Kroshus "Aye."

Christmann "Recused from Vote."

Case No. PU-17-397
Arrow Field Services, LLC
Arrow Bear Den Gas Processing
Plant II - McKenzie
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order in Arrow Field Services, LLC, Arrow Bear Den Gas Processing Plant II - McKenzie, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-397.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-483
ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C.
Cherry Creek Pipeline-McKenzie &
Williams Counties
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Rescheduled Hearing, rescheduling the Public Hearing scheduled for March 6, 2018 to April 12, 2018 in ONEOK Rockies Midstream, L.L.C., Cherry Creek Pipeline— McKenzie & Williams Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-483.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Cenex Pipeline, LLC
10" Refined Fuels Pipeline
Williams, Mountrail, Ward
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission execute a contract with Wenck Associates, Inc. for construction inspection services in Cenex Pipeline, LLC, 10" Refined Fuels Pipeline Williams, Mountrail, Ward Counties, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-97.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.
Roll Call: Fedorchak "Aye."
Kroshus "Aye."
Christmann "Recused from Vote."

Case No. PU-17-490
Rate Impact and Accounting Treatment
Investigation


Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh and Victor Schock as advocacy effective December 29, 2017, in Public Service Commission, Rate Impact and Accounting Treatment, Investigation, Case No. PU-17-490.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.
Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:45 A.M.


Executive Secretary


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN